

**OFFICE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the Weights and Measures Registration and Inspection Program?

Answer: This program requires all businesses that use *commercial weighing and measuring devices, pharmacy balances, and personal weighing scales used in dialysis clinics* to register them with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and pay a fee.

Question: How do I register my commercial weighing and measuring devices?

Answer: Complete an application.

- At the One Stop Business Center, 941 North Capitol St NE #1100, 8:15 am to 4:00 pm.
- Call the Business Service Division on (202) 442-4311 to get one by mail.
- Go to the DCRA website at www.dkra.dc.gov and print the application. The application and instructions are included as links in the press release about weights and measures registration.

Question: How long is the registration valid?

Answer: The Weights and Measures Registration and Inspection Program cycle runs from October 1st of each year through September 30.

Question: What are the registration fees?

Answer: Fees range from \$25 for yard sticks, tape measures, and UPC scanners to \$1,500 for vehicle scales.

Question: What happens after I register?

Answer: DCRA will issue you a certificate that lists the registered devices and will inspect the devices **at a later date**. The certificate must be conspicuously posted at the place of business.

Question: Why do I have to register?

Answer: Your registration helps DC customers get what they pay for; and protects merchants from dishonest competition. It helps make sure that medicine is properly measured, and kidney disease patients are accurately monitored.

Question: How long is my registration good for?

Answer: The registration cycle runs from October 1- September 30 each year. Your registration will be good until September 30, no matter when you register.

Question: What's the penalty for not registering?

Answer: \$2,000.

Question: What is the authority for W & M Registration and Inspection Program?

Answer: Measuring Devices Amendment of 2004, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Investigation Weights and Measures, Weights and Measures.

Question: What is the Clean Hands Self Certification Form?

Answer: The Clean Hands Self-Certification Form is a form attesting that you do not owe more than \$100 to the District of Columbia in fines or penalties.

If you have more questions, contact the Office of Weights and Measures at (202) 698-2130.